Labor Day Disturbances Are Quelled

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Order was reported restored in several cities yesterday after Labor Day weekend disturbances.

In Berkeley, Calif., a rarely invoked state of civil disaster brought relative calm Monday night to a troubled area where young militants, hippies and teeny-boppers congregate.

The disaster proclamation followed the shooting of a policeman in the thigh, minor outbreaks of arson, and explosions that broke a water main and ripped open a store under constrution.

The weekend of violence was set off Friday night after young radical groups organized a rally to protest police action in Chicago during the Democratic National Convention.

Reagan Sees Plot

California Gov. Ronald Reagan declared the Berkeley disturbances were part of a "plot" linked to the Chicago disorders. He warned that his Administration would take steps to see that "conspirators" did not disrupt life in the State.

Berkeley police used tear gas Friday and Saturday nights to clear crowds from the streets, and beefed-up squads of helmeted police patrolled narrow Telegraph Avenue near the University of California.

Just before nightfall Monday, Berkeley City Manager William C. Hanley declared a state of disaster that prohibited loitering on the avenue between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. Also banned were street assemblies, meetings, parades and the use of sound amplifiers on public property.

Ruckus at Beach

In San Diego, Calif., more than 70 persons were arrested after Labor Day disturbances, begun by youths, broke out in a residential section near the public beach.

A bonfire was ignited at an intersection and cars were pelted with eggs and bottles. Flying objects injured two police officers.

In Dayton, Ohio, a county fair was forced to close early Monday night when several hundred white and Negro youths, most of them about 13, engaged in gangfights. Peace was restored within two hours.

An uneasy calm was enforced by police in Middletown, Conn., Monday following two nights of disturbances that included the fire-bombing of a municipal building.

Youths Arraigned

In Wilmington, Del., six Negro youths, identified as members of the Black Liberation Army, were to be arraigned for possessing more than 3000 rounds of ammunition, a rifle, four shotguns and an 18-inch machette. Mayor John E. Babiarz said the arrests represented "a major breakthrough in the problem of suppressing the lawless element in our community."

In Philadelphia, 16 containers believed to be Molotov cocktails were found by a custodian yesterday in a public school that is scheduled to open Friday.

After Baton Rouge, La., police reportedly manhandled a youth counselor over the Labor Day weekend, the local National Association for the Advancement of Colored People asked the Justice Department for protection against what it called a "racist-oriented" police department.

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A disheveled girl who refused to obey Berkeley's curfew is carried to her arrest by police clearing Telegraph Hill.